

"HAMLET" with HAMLET Left Out

The attempt to repeal the present **EFFECTIVE LOCAL OPTION LAW** was fittingly characterized a few nights ago as an attempt to produce **"HAMLET WITH HAMLET LEFT OUT"**. The Prohibitionists have toured the state and from platform and pulpit have indirectly commended the **PRESENT LOCAL OPTION LAW**, by stating the statute they are attempting to substitute is **NOTHING MORE OR LESS** than the **PRESENT LOCAL OPTION LAW** extended to every city and town in the State. All they propose to remove is the **LOCAL OPTION PROVISION**—**"HAMLET WITH HAMLET LEFT OUT"**. No **HIGHER TRIBUTE** could be paid the **PRESENT LAW** than to have the Prohibitionists **ADMIT** that after twelve years labor, **THEY ARE UNABLE** to change it excepting in **ONE** particular.

The present campaign some time ago **CEASED** to be a Vermont matter. Instead of a **FRIENDLY DISCUSSION** as the best method of handling a **PERPLEXING PROBLEM** by the citizens of Vermont, the campaign has been seized by the Anti-Saloon League of Ohio and capitalized for its own advantage. Anti-Saloon League methods **HAVE PREVAILED**. Efforts have been made to break up Local Option meetings. Some of our **HONORED** and **RESPECTED** citizens have been called "low browed thugs" by the Prohibition speakers because in company with President Wilson, Ex Presidents Taft and Roosevelt, Cardinal Gibbons, Bishops Hall, Neeley and hundreds of other prominent men, they believe in the **LOCAL**

OPTION PRINCIPLE. In the mad desire to carry the election, **METHODS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED** that have caused a **REVULSION OF FEELING**, and from every section of the State comes the report that the **"PERRY BILL" WILL BE OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED**. No single factor has entered into this sentiment more than the **ATTEMPT** to gain votes by **SUGGESTING** where and how liquors may be obtained should the Perry Bill be adopted. Such an argument indicates a **DESIRE FOR CLASS LEGISLATION**. The **WELL-TO-DO** who can afford to buy liquors in quantities from outside the State and pay express charges thereon, are told **THEY WILL** be provided for, but the **LABORING MAN** must not have his glass of ale.

Concerning the Prohibitionists **UNPRINCIPLED AND UNSOUND** argument the Randolph Herald this week states editorially:

"As to the claim that the Perry act is not the same as the old prohibitory law, it can be dismissed as unfounded. Such minor differences as there are stand to the credit of the old law, which at least afforded places where the medicinal wants of the people could be legally supplied. Any system of so-called prohibition that draws a mantle of holiness about Vermont and at the same time slyly points to some wicked sister state as a place where liquor can be obtained for necessary purposes will not get the support of this newspaper."

THIS IS THE SITUATION THAT EXISTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. LEADING TEMPERANCE NEWSPAPERS, PROMINENT CLERGYMEN, LEADERS IN PROFESSIONAL, PUBLIC AND MERCANTILE LIFE of the State **REFUSE TO ENDORSE** the **"PERRY BILL"** and are **WORKING FOR ITS DEFEAT**. But one hundred and eleven manufacturers and merchants **ENDORSE** prohibition. **OVER FOUR THOUSAND MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS** were **NOT RECORDED** in FAVOR of the Perry Bill. **IS IT STRANGE** when from **EVERY SECTION** of the State **COMES TESTIMONY AS FOLLOWS**:

ESTATE OF OLIN SCOTT
Wood Pulp & Gun Powder Machinery
Bennington, Vt., Feb. 21, 1916.
The writer believes our present local option law is superior to the proposed "Perry Bill," and the help employed here, are almost without exception, of the same opinion.
Estate of OLIN SCOTT,
By H. D. Fillmore, Mgr.

HOLDEN & MARTIN
Wholesale & Retail Dealers in Lumber
Brattleboro, Vt., Feb. 21, 1916.
I feel in duty bound to uphold the law which will put the greatest restrictions on the sale of liquor in the state of Vermont. The Local Option Law, which has been in effect for the past few years, I think has been far more satisfactory than the old prohibition law. I can see where the passing of this bill may have quite an effect on towns like Bennington and Bennington, but I do know that for the town of Brattleboro, where we have voted No License, that it has been better than under state wide prohibition.
L. E. HOLDEN

STATE OF VERMONT
Orange County Clerk's Office
Chelsea, Vermont, Feb. 22, 1916.
To my mind the present Local Option law is and has since it became a law been much more effective than was the so-called "Prohibitory Law" which preceded it.
WM. H. SPRAGUE

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
College of Medicine, Department of Physiology
Fred Kinney Jackson, A. B., M. D.
Burlington, Vt., March 3, 1916.
I shall vote no on the Perry bill. It is too rabid. I have never voted against a temperance measure of any sort and shall vote no license as usual.
Sincerely yours,
F. K. J.

Orwell, Vt., Feb. 15, 1916.
I do favor local option and will do all in my power to kill the "Perry" bill.
L. F. A. OULETTE, M. D.

Orwell, Vt., March 3, 1916.
Orwell will go strong to retain Local Option, and I shall do all I can to put down the "Perry" bill.
L. B. NEEDHAM.
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FRANK S. WILLIAMS
States Attorney, Orange County
Bradford, Vt., Feb. 15, 1916.

I am opposed to the bill and among the reasons of my opposition are the following:
Sobriety, religion or right-living cannot be accomplished by legislation, but only by education. To my mind among the greatest incentives to education along the lines of temperance are the annual meeting, discussion and vote upon temperance. I believe the record shows this to have been of vital importance to the State of Vermont along the lines of temperance during the past twelve years. The "Perry Bill" removes this educational incentive.

No law can be enforced that does not have the support of a majority of the people. A law which has been in force for a series of years, which the people have no voice in changing, is viewed by the people in such a way that they see all of the evils resulting from the law and few of the benefits. Experience has taught the people of Vermont that prohibition after it has been in force for a short time becomes odious to the people. Not having the support of the people, successful prosecution and conviction of violation becomes an impossibility.

The "Perry Bill" provides no legal way for procuring alcohol or alcoholic stimulants for any legitimate purpose. The "Perry Bill" or state wide prohibitory law is not economically sound. Under twelve years of local option, farm property in the State of Vermont has increased 30 per cent. A greater increase than under fifty years of state prohibition.

During twelve years of local option the deposit of the common people in the savings banks and savings institutions have increased more than 30 per cent. The "Perry Bill" or state wide prohibition will increase the sale of alcoholic beverages carrying a high percentage of alcohol. At the end of forty-eight years of prohibition in the State of Vermont there were 806 federal licenses granted within the State of Vermont for the sale of intoxicating liquor. After twelve years of local option the federal licenses in the State of Vermont had decreased to 286.

I do not believe that the people of the State of Vermont wish to force upon us a law, the result of which will be to increase the places where intoxicating liquor is openly sold by

more than 300 per cent.

The "Perry Bill" if passed restores the right of appeal from our municipal courts to the County Court in all liquor cases, thus adding to further delay and expense to all prosecution arising thereunder.

The foregoing are only a few of the many reasons why I believe the "Perry Bill" is a step backward and not advancing along the lines of temperance.

F. S. WILLIAMS.

W. H. NYE
Dealer in General Merchandise
Johnson, Vt., Feb. 25, 1916.
I have come to the conclusion that I am living under the best liquor law I ever did, and shall let well enough alone.

W. H. NYE.

C. H. MYERS
Dealer in Everything
Pownal, Vt., March 3, 1916.
In the town of Pownal the Local Option measure will be carried by 3 to 1. We cannot stand the hard cider clause down this way.

C. H. MYERS.

Felchville, Vt., March 2, 1916.
I am not in sympathy with the "Perry" bill, but favor Local Option.
H. E. GARDNER.

Cambridge, Jct., Feb. 23, 1916.
I have talked with a lot of the voters and they are against the "Perry" bill. They think it is well enough as it is. I shall go against the "Perry" Bill and do all I can to stop it.

EDWIN MANCHESTER.

A. E. WOOD
Hardware, Cutlery, Paints and Oils.
Brattleboro, Vt., Feb. 18, 1916.
Any man that has lived in the State of Vermont for the past fifteen years ought to know enough to KILL the "Perry" bill without being told.

A. E. WOOD.

SANFORD E. EMERY
Lawyer, Notary Public, Land Surveyor
Proctorsville, Vt., Feb. 21, 1916.
I am in accord with the present Local License Law, being fully satisfied from my own observation, that it is a much better "Temperance measure" than the Prohibitory Law that it repealed. I shall do all I can to retain the present law in preference to a return to the experience of Prohibition.
S. E. EMERY.

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Both Mr. Smith and myself are not in favor of the "Perry" bill and therefore will not support it.

N. S. FOOTE.

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Orleans, Vermont, Feb. 19, 1916.
We are for local option and I think that most of our men are, and I myself think that the county of Orleans is.

E. E. DOE, Supt.

UNIVERSALIST PARSONAGE

Barre, Vt., Feb. 21, 1916.
Your letter concerning the proposed change in the law regulating the liquor traffic in Vermont is at hand. It so happens that I am a firm believer in the retention of the present local option law, but I fear, however, that I am rather an exception to most of the "men of the cloth." In this respect, I know I am locally, at least, the only minister taking this position. It is a matter of principle with me, however, for I am a firm believer in local self-government in this, as in most other matters. I believe, too, that the enactment of the subject annually is wholesome as it tends to keep the evils of temperance constantly before the people. Eight years ago I prophesied, in the Grand Lodge of Good Templars in the State of Maine that within ten years prohibition would be overthrown in that state. It came a few hundred votes of it last year and I believe the next election will indicate that I was a true prophet. The people of Maine have relied upon prohibition instead of moral suasion, for nearly seventy years to promote temperance, and are soon to reap what they have sown.

(REV.) JOHN B. REARDON.

OFFICE OF A. H. SMITH
Dealer in General Merchandise
West Arlington, Vt., Feb. 19, 1916.
I will say that I am in favor of the present law instead of changing to the old prohibition law.

A. H. SMITH.

Island Pond, Vt., Feb. 23, 1916.
I am 80 years old and have lived to see the effect of that Prohibition. Farce not only to see it in Vermont, but in Maine, and can hardly find words to express my dislike of it, and shall vote "No" on the "Perry Bill".
GEO. L. CLARK.

B. F. WHELDEN'S SONS

Dealer in Hardware, Tinware and Coal.
Ludlow, Vt., Feb. 26, 1916.
The writer does not want to see the present local option law exchanged for the "Perry" bill or any other prohibition bill. I hope to see the present law remain and would like to see it improved a little also.

F. M. WHELDEN.

E. H. SHATTUCK & SON
Groceries, Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes Hardware.

Bridgewater Corners, Vt., Feb. 25, 1916.
I believe the local option law is the best law we ever had, and I shall advocate it until I see something better.

E. H. SHATTUCK, Town Treas.

Office of ARMSTRONG & PHELON

Dorset, Vt., Feb. 25, 1916.
I believe with no policy protection, and a rural community, it is not desirable. I see no reason why the liquor business has not been handled much better under the present law than under the old prohibition law, as a town that would vote for license would not enforce a prohibition law pushed on them by other townships.

A. W. PHELON.

St. Albans, Vt., March 2, 1916.
I am of the opinion that the present local option law is far better than prohibition. The enforcement of the old prohibition law in this community was a farce and a nest of corruption and graft, therefore, I am a firm believer in the local option law, and will vote for local option at the coming March meeting and will do all I can to defeat the "Perry" Bill.

J. H. KENNEDY.

Jonesville, Vt., Feb. 21, 1916.
I am strong in favor of local option. Its safe and sure way of handling the liquor question. It has done more for the cause of temperance than any prohibitory law could do, and I will do my best to have all vote "No".

C. A. CHAMPNEY.

Fair Haven, Vt., Feb. 22, 1916.
I have placed myself upon record as opposed to the "Perry" bill. Experience and careful study have brought me to the conclusion that "State-wide Prohibition hurts the cause of real temperance. I should be sorry to see conditions exist in this state which I know exist in Maine, Kansas and Oklahoma.
(REV.) ROY WINCHELL MAGOUN.

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C. E. PERRY & CO.
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This "Perry Bill" stands for Local Option, every town to make its own choice, I predict the defeat of the so-called "Perry Bill".

E. E. Perry.

Windsor, Vt., Feb. 15, 1916.

I could not vote for the drastic inconsistent so-called "Perry" law. Our liquor law at it stands today has to my mind been very satisfactory and would regret very much to have it changed.

S. S. MARTIN, M. D.

M. E. GASKELL
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Bethel, Vt., Feb. 23, 1916.
Regarding the drastic "Perry" bill, I am free to state that I am much opposed to it. My principle reason is that I consider that separate communities should have the right of majority rule.

M. E. GASKELL.

Vergennes, Vt., March 1st, 1916.
I would say that the present law in regard to the sale of liquor is working far ahead of the old prohibitory law.

G. F. O. KIMBALL.

HARWOOD FARM
S. Everett Harwood, Prop.

Bennington, Vt., Feb. 26, 1916.
I am strongly opposed to the "Perry" bill. I feel confident it would be a step backward for Vermont if that bill should become a law.

S. EVERETT HARWOOD.

E. P. CUSHMAN & SON
Dry Goods, Carpets and Cloaks
Middlebury, Vt., Feb. 26, 1916.

I shall vote against the "Perry" bill. I say let well enough alone.

E. P. CUSHMAN.

WHITE RIVER CHAIR CO.
Manufacturers of Chairs
Brattleboro, Vt., Feb. 18, 1916.

We feel that the present local option law is far better than the "Perry" Law and believe it to the best interest of the state that the present law be retained on the Statute books.

It certainly would drive the Tourist Business out of the state and we do not believe that the people of Vermont want to return to conditions as they existed under the old prohibitory law.

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Monday, March 6, 1916.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Arthur Dunham and family of South Shaftsbury were guests Sunday of his brother, Jesse Dunham.

Miss Helen Rockwood of Bennington is spending a two weeks vacation with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Dunham. Miss Hilda Rockwood left Sunday to commence her school in Woodford city.

There will be an Old Folks dance in Village hall, Tuesday evening, March 7. All who received invitations to the

last Old Folks dance in Bank hall, are invited to attend and have a jolly good time. Music by Hurley's orchestra. Admission 25 cents. Dancing from 9 to 12.

The men's class of the Baptist church will enjoy a supper Wednesday evening given to them by the men's class of the South Shaftsbury M. E. church. This supper is the result of a contest in attendance for three months between the two classes, in which North Bennington won.

MASONS BEHIND FOOTLIGHTS

Tucker Lodge Plays "Regiment of Two" in No. Bennington Friday
A large number of Bennington Ma-

tend the play: "A Regiment of Two" which is to be put on by Tucker Lodge of North Bennington at Bank hall next Friday evening. The cast is as follows:

Arthur Sewall, a theoretical warrior
Ralph H. White
Ira Wilton, his father-in-law, another warrior
Charles E. Wentworth
Harry Brentworth, Arthur's friend
Lynn S. Durfee
Reginald Dudley, an Englishman
Nelson L. Payne
Jim Buckner, known as "The Parson"
Wells W. White
Conrad Melzer, a plumber
George B. Welling
Eliza Wilton, Ira's better-half
Annie E. Kentfield
Grace Sewall, wife of Arthur

Erin A. Tompkins
Laura Wilton, daughter of Ira
Fannie F. White
Lena, a German maid,
Amy L. Surdam
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NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Young Men's association for the election of officers will be held in the Library, Monday, March 20th, 1916. Folds open at 1 o'clock and close at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.
Fred C. Martin,
Recording Secretary.
Bennington, Vt., March 2, 1916.

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